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SUBJECT: CIVAIR: PROPOSED MEETING WITH CANADIANS

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1. EXTAFF (BOTH FULFORD AND SIMARD OF HIS STAFF) HAS INFORMALLY ADVISED TCO OF LIKELY WILLINGNESS GOC TO MEET WITH US GROUP TO DISCUSS IATA ISSUES BUT ARE UNABLE YET TO PROPOSE A SPECIFIC DATE. JULY 2 IS STILL ACTIVELY UNDER CONSIDERATION.

2. BOTH EMPHASIZED UNWILLINGNESS TO TALK ABOUT ICAO QUESTIONS AT THIS TIME. THIS EMPHASIS IS CONSISTENT WITH TCO'S RECENT DISCUSSIONS WITH OFFICIALS IN MOT AND EXTAFF CONCERNED WITH ICAO QUESTIONS. SEE SEPTTEL.

3. TCO SUGGESTED TO FULFORD THAT PERHAPS AIR RATES AND FARES QUESTION IN ICAO BE SEVERED FROM OTHER ICAO ISSUES AND TAKEN UP IN AT LEAST A PRELIMINARY WAY IN CONNECTION WITH IATA QUESTION. SOME OFFICIALS WORKING

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ON IATA ISSUES WILL ALSO BE CONCERNED WITH THIS ICAO

QUESTION. FULFORD AGREED PURSUE THIS ANGLE.

4. FULFORD EMPHASIZED THAT STANCE OF GOC OFFICIALS AT PROPOSED MEETING ON IATA QUESTIONS WILL BE LISTENING ONE. NO COMMITMENTS BY CANADA SHOULD BE EXPECTED AS MOT AND CTC PERSONNEL HAVE NOT TO DATE OVERLY CONCERNED THEMSELVES WITH IATA AND POSSIBLE ROLE FOR GOVERNMENTS PRIOR TO CARRIER AGREEMENT ON FARE PACKAGES. THEY ARE, HOWEVER, VERY INTERESTED IN US VIEWS AND EXPERIENCE.

5. FULFORD ALSO CONFIDED THAT THERE IS SOME CONCERN IN MOT AS TO PROPRIETY OF SUCH A MEETING BEFORE JULY 8 GENERAL ELECTION. HE DOES NOT SHARE THIS VIEW BUT POINTED OUT THAT MOT IS WORRIED ABOUT POSSIBLE PRESS LEAKS WHICH COULD IN SOME WAY BE EMBARRASSING.

6. ACTION REQUESTED: DEPARTMENT PLEASE ADVISE WILLINGNESS WASHINGTON DELEGATION ACCEPT JULY 2 DATE IF FORMALLY PROPOSED AND PROVIDE REACTION TO SUGGESTION PARA 3.
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